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SUBJ: KY SELECTS TRUONG VINH LE AS VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE

1. WHILE ANSWERING REPORTERS QUESTIONS FOLLOWING MEETING WITH DR. KISSENGER JULY 5, VICE PRESIDENT KY ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS SELECTED TRUONG VINH LE, PROMINENT SOUTHERN CATHOLIC POLITICIAN AND WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN, AS HIS VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE. LE'S SELECTION SHOULD ASSIST KY'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN A MODEST DEGREE TO DRAW VOTES AMONG SOUTHERNERS, CATHOLICS, AND MINOR POLITICAL PARTIES WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE MOST LIKELY GO TO THIEU. SELECTION TENDS TO CONFIRM KY'S STRATEGY OF ATTEMPTING TO RAID THIEU'S RATHER THAN MINH'S CONSTITUENCY. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.
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